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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 887
By Bowers

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Angela N. Staples
upon her graduation from Christian Brothers
University.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should honor those young people who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as citizens of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such exemplary young person is Angela N. Staples, who has distinguished herself as a student of uncommon ability and commitment; and

WHEREAS, through industrious study, steady composure during examinations, and untiring commitment of time and talent, she will be graduating from Christian Brothers University on May 11, 2002; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of Desanee Bowers and Phillip Staples, Ms. Staples was born on August 18, 1979 in Memphis; and

WHEREAS, a remarkable scholar, Angela N. Staples began her formal education at the age of three years as a student at the University of Memphis Enrichment School; and

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WHEREAS, while as a student at Alton Elementary school, she scored an exemplary 12.9 on the Achievement Test and was recommended to participate in the CLUE program for exceptional children; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Staples is a highly regarded graduate of the Immaculate Conception Cathedral Junior High School and attended Bishop Byrne High School for the ninth and tenth grades; and

WHEREAS, this superb scholar graduated from Memphis Central High School in the top 20 percentile of her class and received numerous scholarships, including a four-year scholarship to Christian Brothers University; and

WHEREAS, even though she had become a mother at the age of fifteen, Angela N. Staples was determined to continue her education; and

WHEREAS, with the support of her family, especially her Aunt, Montrice Whalum, and her grandmother, Representative Kathryn Bowers, who raised her, and through her hard work and diligence, she has satisfactorily completed the requirements for graduation from Christian Brothers University; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Staples noteworthy accomplishment is a great source of pride for her family, her community, and this State; and

WHEREAS, Angela N. Staples epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean and her resolution in the face of adversity and dedication to her studies qualify her as an outstanding role model for all citizens of this great State; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud Ms. Staples for her considerable academic achievements; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby congratulate and honor Angela N. Staples upon her graduation

from Christian Brothers University, commend her outstanding academic record, persistence and hard work, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.